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stre regne le quatrieme.

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HENRY.

Et plus bas, Par le Roy estant en son Conseil.

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Et seellees sur double queue du grand seel de sa Maïeste en cir-
eaune.

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ne n'en puisse pretendre cause d'ignorance, & au surplus qu'à
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THE French Kings Edict vpon the reducing of the Citie of PARIS vnder his obedience.

Published the 28. of March 1594.

VVhereto is adioyned The said Kinges Letters Patents
for the reestablishment of the Court of Par-
liament at Paris.

Also a Decree of the saide Court of Parliament of the 30. of March,
concerning a reuocation of whatsoeuer hath bene committed
inpreiudice of the kinges authoritie, and the
lawes of the land.

All faithfully translated out of the French copies printed at Pa-
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Upon the reducing of the City of
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Printed in 1594.

Wherein is adjoynted The said Kings Letters Patents
for the establishment of the Court of Paris
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Also a Decree of the said Court of Parliament of the 20th of March
concerning a resolution of what should be done in the
imprisonment of the said Kings Letters Patents.



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1594.



The Kings edict or declaration.

HEnry by the grace of God King of
Fraunce and Navarre, to all men
present and to come, greeting:
Whereas since it pleased God to
call vs to this Crowne, our prin-
cipall desire and intent whereat
we haue leuelled all our actions,
hath tended only to the establish-
ment of a good and assured peace within this our
Realme, to the end that all disorders, violence and
miseries of warre ceasing, God might bee serued ac-
cording to his holy commandements: and the autho-
ritie of our lawes and iustice restored, vnder the pro-
tection whereof the three estates of our Kingdome
might quietly and peaceably enioy such thinges as
iustly vnto them doe appertaine. For the compassing
whereof we haue (as it is well knowne) imployed
whatsoever our habilities, our bloud, yea euen our
life, nothing regarding death in respect of such re-
proch and infamie, as iustly wee might be charged
withall, in case we should endure the wrongful sur-
pation and dissipation which some men doe presume
to make in this our Crowne of Fraunce. To the end
therefore not to omit any thing consisting in the power

of a good Prince, that may tend to the restoring of the
 so long expected, so necessarie & desired vnion, peace
 and tranquillitie among our Subiects, we haue with
 much patience supported, and in respect of common
 commoditie pardoned the offences and rash enterpri-
 ses of diuers, who (were it not for this respect) haue
 deserved to be chastised and repressed with most grie-
 uous, rigorous and exemplarie punishments. In con-
 sideration hereof, after all our victories, we haue par-
 doned a giuen life to those that leuelled at ours: And
 in regard of the great compassion that wee haue ta-
 ken of the capitall Cittie of our Realme, and to the
 end to eschew the sacke thereof, and to saue the bloud
 of many good Citizens, who were no partakers in
 the cursed driftes of the fauourers of this rebellion,
 wee haue chosen rather to frustrate our selues of that
 obedience that vnto vs is due, then to see the inno-
 cent inhabitantes, the women and yong children, to-
 gether with so many beautifull buildinges exposed to
 the violence, rage, and fury of fire and sword. Wee
 haue therefore vppon the causes and considerations
 aforesaid, in the moneth of July last, agreed and con-
 descended to a generall truce, for three monethes, du-
 ring which time the Deputies of the faction of our
 disobedient Subiectes, haue giuen vs to vnderstand
 and assured vs, that speedely they would sende to the
 Pope, to haue his good aduice vppon such resolution
 as they were to take for the conclusion of a good and
 stedfast Peace, and reconciliation of vs, who are
 their King and naturall Prince. wherein also for
 their partes they haue most expressely promised to im-
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ploy themselves with all loyalty and affection, for the restoring of the Peace of this Land, which made vs the more ready to yeeld to the said Truce, albeit wee were sufficiently enformed of such disadvantages as otherwise vnto them might arise, also that in matter of armes, wee had them farre on the hippe: yea and that during the said conference, wee had perforce taken the Towne and Castell of Dreux, even in the face of the principall Leaders of their Faction. Notwithstanding the assistance of the Spanish Protectors: as also that we wanted no meanes so to oppresse the saide Cittie of Paris, that the want of victuals should in the end haue counselled them to shake off the yoke of those, who for many yeares had tyrannized, and insolently abused their miserable patience. To all the which notwithstanding wee of our authoritie did yeeld, the rather in respect of the Pope, whome wee wished to be euery way satisfied, & to be truely informed of our actions and behauour, to whome also we purposed to haue recourse, to lay open our greiuances, and to craue his aide, fauour, and assistance: and to the same effect had chosen our Deere and well beloved Cousen, the Duke of Neuers, a Prince accomplished with all vertues, endued with wisdom, pietie, and good desertes, who preferring the seruice of God, and benefite of this Estate, before the discomforties of his health, and the daungers and tediousnesse of the way, hath cheerefully vndertaken the voyage toward him: But as for the Deputies of the said Faction, who so assuredly promised with all diligence to send, we haue not perceiued that during the

saide three monethes of Truce, they euer made any
 accompt to depart. Further, albeit that since the con-
 clusion of the said Truce of three monethes, we haue
 in all their actions founde in manner no Desire to
 reestablish the publike Peace of this Realme, of the
 poyle whereof they purpose to clothe themselves,
 and to grow ritch with the goods and blond of all
 good and loyall Frenchmen: with all, that there is
 come to our handes a certaine Oath, taken by the
 principal of that faction, almost at the very time that
 they signed the saide Truce, and had promised faith-
 fully to Deale, and to consider of the meanes, how to
 conclude a good Peace, and to reconcile themselves
 vnto vs, and to that end, to send to Rome for the good
 and wise aduise of the Pope: the saide Oath impor-
 ting that they should neuer treat of any Peace or a-
 greement with vs, wherein they suffered themselves
 to bee so farre carried away with the passions of the
 King of Spaynes agents, that they reserued not
 so much as the Popes authoritie, to whome they pro-
 mised to send: we were therewith grieved, and pro-
 uoked, accordinge to the exigence of the case: All
 which notwithstanding, vpon their desire to prolong
 the Truce for twoo monethes more. vz. to the ende of
 the moneth of December last, shewing vs that it was
 vnpossible vppon our refusall of this delay, for their
 Deputies to come to Rome time inough to be at y^r re-
 solution, which might be there taken for the rebuion
 of our Subiectes to our obedience, we vpon a desire
 to iustifie whatsoeuer our actions in the presence of
 the Pope preferring our purposed respect vnto him
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before our owne profite, and the suretie of our affaires
 which we much hindered and prolonged, by reason of
 the said Delaies and prolonginges of the Truce, wee
 yet graunted them the same for the monethes of No-
 uember and December. Howbeit gathering by the
 small desire that they had to see an ende of the mise-
 ries of this Realme, together with the authoritie that
 vniustly they haue vsurped ouer a parte thereof: iud-
 ging also by the Delaies, so artificially by them pro-
 cured, that in all likelyhood they tended onely to pro-
 long the calamities of France, and to assure to them-
 selues the wrongfull vsurpation of the towne and
 Prouinces by them possessed. We vpon these causes
 hauing referred all these matters to the consideration
 & mature deliberation of the Counsell, haue resolved to
 deny them the prorogation of the said Truce, for the
 monethes of January, February, and March, which
 they craued with such instance, as we had cause iustly
 to beleue, that such pursuite neuer tended to grow to
 any good conclusion of Peace, but rather to tempo-
 rize vntill the Spanish forces might arriue in our
 frontiers of Picardy, by whose comming into the
 Realme, they mighte haue the better oportunitie to
 prosecute warre against vs, to the destruction of our
 good & loyal Subiectes: which God of his holy grace
 would not permit, who hath opened our eyes to see,
 (by such their missiues as haue bene intercepted,) in-
 to their wicked deuises, and obstinate resolution to
 mainetaine a perpetuall mischief within this our
 Kingdome: his deuine clemency hauing taken into
 his respectall protection the Defence of our iust cause,

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and enspired the hartes of an infinite number of our good bassalls and Subiectes, to acknowledge the Ducty wherein they are naturally bound vnto vs, as appeereth by the comming in within these thre monethes into our obedience of the towne of Meaux, Lyons, Orleans, Bourges, Pontoise and others, among all others shal neuer be forgotten the happy conning in of our good towne of Paris, the head Cittie of this Realme, which happened the two and twentieth of March, with such clemency, pollicy, good order and moderation, that not so much as one onely Citizen can iustly complaine of any iniury or offence against him any way committed: where the entry of our Army shewed no discontentment, but rather resembled the ioyfull entry heretofore made by the Kinges our predecessours at their comming to the crowne, in that the ioy and applause of the people, vppon the sight of their so long desired King, were no whit lesse then if they had euen then enioyed the like surety, as by these presents is vnto them graunted of our grace, fauor, and protection, with forgetfullnesse of all thinges past, and assurance that we will neuer put in oblivion the desertes of such as in our service haue made shew of their vertue and stedfastnesse. The consideration hereof, together with the especiall goodnesse wherewith (vpon this occasion) it hath pleased God to fauour vs, hath, and still doeth bind vs more then any other mortall creature, to imagine, and continually to deuise how we may make our actions and behauiours agreeable before the holy maiestie of his Diuine prouidence, who as hee surpasseth in goodnesse
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and clemency, whatsoeuer the spirite of man is able to comprehend, so hath he vouchsafed to leaue vnto vs as an instruction and testimony, the example and woord of his sonne Iesus Christ, to testifie vnto vs that whosoever will be accompted his children, must forget others transgressions. Upon this occasion acknowledging that nothing is vnto vs a greater witness that wee are made to the likenesse of God, then courtesie and gentlenesse, freely forgetting all passed offences and transgressions: we haue, and by these presentes doe declare, that wee haue, and doe accept into our fauour, the Citizens, dwellers, and inhabitants of our good towne of Paris: Of our especiall fauour and autority royall, we haue and doe abolish all matters happened in the said towne during, and by occasion of these present troubles, wee will and ordaine, that the same doe remaine suppressed, abolished, extinguished, and taken as thinges neuer happened: and to that effect with the aduice of the Princes and Lordes of our Counsell about vs, we haue ordeined and decreed these thinges ensuing.

I first we will and ordeine according to the Edict of pacification established by the late King our Deere brother and Lord in the yeare 1577. together with the Declarations since by vs made for the obseruation of the same, that within the Citty and Suburbes of Paris, and within tenne leagues round about, determined by the said Edict, there shall be no exercise of any other then the Romish Religion: we doe also expressly forbid all maner of persons, vnder the paines in our Decrees contained, not to molest or disquiet the

Clergie in the celebration of diuine seruice, in the enioying or receiuing of the fruites, and reuenues of their benefices, or of any other the rights or duties vnto them appertaining, whereof to that purpose wee haue, and by these presents doe giue the full possession. Also our will and intent is, that whosoever since these troubles haue leased vpon any Churches, houses, goods or reuenues appertaining to the said Clergie, resident within the diocesse of Paris, as well of such as are resident in our saide towne, as elsewhere throughout our Realme, and which doe detaine or occupie the same, shall redeluer vnto them the full possession and free vse of the same, together with all rights, liberties and priueledges that they enioyed before they were diseased of the same.

2 Also for a more full and perpetuall declaration of the singular affection and loue that we beare to our good towne of Paris, we haue remitted, reintegrated, and restored, and doe remit, reintegrate and restore the same to all her auncient priueledges, rights, graunts, franchizes, liberties and freedomes wherewith she hath heretofore beene endued by the Kinges our predecessors, all which we doe by these presents a new graunt, confirme and continue the same to vse, and from henceforth to enioy well and duely as in times past and before these present troubles, as well in all matters concerning the vniuersitie, the body and towne house, the prouost of Marchaunts, the Shriuewicke and officers of the same, as all other bodies, Colledges and Commonnalties of whatsover title or qualitie, which heretofore and before

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fore the said troubles haue bene established.

3 To the end also to take away all cause of enquiries, processe & quarels in time to come, vpon occasion of any thing happened, during the said troubles: vpon a more ample Declaration of our will concerning the discharge and abolishment afore contained, wee haue ordained and decreed, and by these presents doe ordaine and decree, that the remembrance of whatsoeuer hath passed in the said towne of Paris and therabouts, so farre as the same may concerne the saide inhabitants and others that were present in the towne at the yeelding of the same, who shall within eight daies after the publication of these presents, exhibite their othes and promises contained in our Declaration heretofore published in our Parliament at Paris, from the beginning of these present troubles, & vpon occasion of the same vnto this day, shall remaine extinct and quenched, as well for taking of armes, surprize of Townes, forcing of townes, Castles, houses or fortresses, razing of the same, leuying of Coyne of the recepts generall or particular, of Tenthes, Gable, and sale of Salt, taxes imposed vpon the same, and all other impositions and leuie of Coyne, as wel in the said towne as neere therabouts, all treaties and foraine imposition exacted vpon wares, Marchandise, Victuals, casting of Ordnance and Bullets, making of Powder & Saltpeter with other instruments of warre, coyning of mony, practisings & leuies of Souldiers, conducts and exploitys of the same, leagues, negotiations and treaties either in the Realme or without, sale of mooueables, selling of

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woods, either vnder wood or Timber, amends, booties, ransomes or any other acts of hostilitie: And generally all other things that haue beene Done, wrought and negotiated after whatsoeuer forme or manner, publike or priuate, during these present troubles or by occasion of the same: So as neither the said inhabitants, neither any of them shall from henceforth be troubled, molested, disquieted or listred in any maner or sort whatsoeuer: Willing that to that effect they remaine quit and discharged, and in such cases imposing perpetuall silence to all our attornies general or any other Parsons whatsoeuer. Our meaning also is, and (expresly) we doe enioyne them that they giue ouer all Leagues, treatise, assotiations, practises or intelligences as well within the Realme as without, that may any way be repugnant to our authoritie, vnder paine to be punished as guiltie of treason. Likewise for the auoiding of all occasions of quarrell or Debate that may arise among our Subiects, we haue inhibited and forbidden, and by these presents doe inhibit and forbid them any way to iniury, reproch, offend or prouoke one an other, either by deede or word for any thing passed or during these troubles, enioyning them to continue themselves, and to liue quietly together as good brethren, friends and fellow Citizens vnder the obseruation of our Edicts, vpon paine to all offenders presently to bee punished without farther forme of law or processe as disturbers of the common quiet.

4 Furthermore we will & ordaine that all arrests, commissions, and executions of the same, all decrees, sentences

sentences, iudgments, contracts, and al iudicial acts
 passed betweene parties of one faction, and between
 all such as voluntarily haue gone to law as well in
 Soueraigne courtes, in the prouostie of Paris, in the
 presidiall Sea, and in other courts and iurisdiccions
 of the said towne, prouostship and vicomptie during
 the said troubles, shall be good and in force: Neither
 shall there be any enquire taken vpon executions of
 death that haue passed by the authoritie of iustice or
 course of warre and commandement of leaders. Also
 as concerning Decrees, sentences and iudgments
 graunted against the absent of contrarie factions,
 whether in criminall courtes or ciuill, or in any the
 Soueraigne courtes of this Realme or the iurisdiccions
 of the same, they shall remaine boide and of none
 effect vpon any cause or occasion whatsoeuer: Like-
 wise all iudgements passed against the Countie
 Brissar in respect of the partie that he followed, shal be
 cancelled and reuoked, as also shall bee whatsoeuer
 giftes by vs or our predecessors of any the goods to
 him appertaining made or granted, & that in conside-
 ration of the great Loyall and most commendable
 seruice done to vs & to the whole estate of the Realme,
 in reducing of the good towne of Paris vnto our obe-
 dience. Also as concerning all executions of death
 passed against any the inhabitants for any matter
 depending vpon the said troubles, our will and mea-
 ning is that the saide executions shall be no way pre-
 iudicial to the honor or memory of the dead: Also that
 such confiscations as our attournies haue or may pre-
 tend vnto, shall take no place to the preiudice of their
 widows

widdowes children and heires.

5 We will and our pleasure is, that all the said inhabitants that shall performe the said promises, submission and Oath, shall reenter into the enioying of their goods, offices, dignities and demaines whatsoever situated or being, wherein we reuoke all gistes and graunts of any such things that may be preiudiciall to those to whom they did appertaine, or to their widdowes, and heires.

6 In consideration of seazures heretofore made vpon the goods, inheritances, rents and reuenues of the said inhabitants of Paris, or elsewhere within the said prouostship or vicountie, who shall fulfill the said promises and submissions, in whatsoever place the said goods be situate or remaining, they shall remaine void: And we doe graunt to the saide inhabitants full and perfect recovery of the said seazures and haue acquitted and restored vnto them whatsoever may be vnto vs due in respect of the same, notwithstanding whatsoever graunts that may bee passed, which we haue cancelled and reuoked, and by these presents doe cancell and reuoke, without respect of any promises or bondes not discharged, made by the labourers or fermers as well to the graunts as to the Commissaries and fermers in law, which are and shall stand void: Also as concerning Debts or credit due to the said inhabitants, our pleasure is that with respect of gifts that therof may haue bene granted, al which we haue, and doe cancell and reuoke, they may compell or cause to bee compelled all such as are to them bound by bond, promise, Obligation or setting
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ouer to pay in like forme as they might haue done be-
fore the said troubles.

7 All prouisions of Offices graunted by the Duke
of Mayenne shal remaine boide and of no effect. How-
be it such as haue obtained the said prouisions by the
death or resignation of such as haue beene of their
obone faction (except the estate of presidents in our
Soueraigne courts) shall bee continued in the saide
Offices by our letters of prouision, which to that end
shall be dispatched vnto them, without paying any
thing as also shall be continued in like forme all new
Officers by vs erected in matter of salte, that haue
purchased their prouisions of the Duke of Mayenne,
which also shall remaine boide and of no effect.

8 Such as by the Duke of Mayenne haue bene pro-
moted to benefices not consistoriall, being within the
saide Cittie boide by death shall bee continued in the
same by taking of vs their dimissories necessarie,
whereby such as they haue had from the Duke of
Mayenne shal rest boide and of no effect.

9 In respect of such the inhabitants as were not
in the towne at the peelding of the same, wheresoeuer
they were or might be, they shall enioy the like benefit
as others that were preset, in case within one month
after the publication of these presents they doe come
in, and make the said submissions and promise to liue
vnder our obedience.

10 All such inhabitants as vnder our Passports
shall depart the towne and betake them into any o-
ther parts of our obedience, bearing them selues mo-
destly and committing nothing repugnant to the fi-

Delitie they owe vnto vs, vpon their submissions and promises afore mentioned, shall enjoy their goods without trouble or molestation,

11 For the ease of the saide inhabitants, during this present yeare, the Debtors of set rents shall not be compelled to paye more of their arreareges quarterly then the yearely stint, without preiudice to other former arreareages, for the which there shall be order set downe, as much to the ease of euery man as may be.

12 That the accompts made at Paris during the troubles by any that were accomptable before the officers of accompts there resident, shall not be subiect to the reuiew, but onely in case of ordinance.

13 We meane not notwithstanding in these presents to comprize any thing committed in forme of theste or without aduowe: In consideration whereof we haue permitted and doe permit vnto euery man all free libertie by course of law to seeke their remedie as they shall thinke good, as also we doe except all such as shall be found guiltie of the horrible murder committed on the Parson of the late king our Deere Lord & brother or of any conspiracie against our life: As also all trespasses and transgressions punishable betweene men of one selfe faction.

We doe therefore commaund our deare and trusty Chauncelloz, the officers of our Crowne, all Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce and all the Lords of our Counsell and the ordinarie maisters of requests of our house, to the same end by vs appointed and deputed, to cause these presents to be read, published, and enrolled.

rololed in the registers of our courte of Parliament,
in our Chamber of accompts, in our courte of Aides, in
our generalls of Honeys and in all other places expe-
dient: Willing and commaunding that the contents
of the same be inviolably kept and obserued, and that
notwithstanding whatsoeuer oppositions, appellati-
ons, edicts, Declarations, arrests, iudgements, let-
ters, precepts prohibitions and other matters hereto
contrarie, to all which in respect hereof we haue and
by these presents doe derogate together withall dero-
gatories of derogatories thereunto contrarie. For
to the end the same may remaine firme and stedfast
for euer, we haue to these presents Signed with our
hand, set our Seale, giuen at Paris in the Moneth of
March the yeare of grace 1594. and of our Raigne
the fifth.

Thus Signed I HENRY.

And somewhat lower. By the King. RVZE

And on the side. VISA

And Sealed with the great Seale vpon Tables of
Silke in greene Ware.

The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that
vpon the fould of these letters, shall bee set downe,
Read, Published and Registred, in the hearing, and
at the desire of his Attorneie generall. Geuen at Pa-
ris in the great Chamber of Parliament, there sit-
ting the Lord Chancelor, with the officers of the

Crowne, the Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce: The
 Counsellors of his Counsell of estate, and some of the
 ordinarie maisters of requestes of his house the 28.
 Day of March 1594.

Signed LVILLIER

The King hath ordained, and doth ordaine that
 vppon the fould of these letters shall bee set downe,
 Read, Published, and Registred. Given at Paris in
 the Chamber of accompts, the Lord Chaunceler ther
 sitting with the officers of the Crowne, the Dukes
 and Peeres of Fraunce: The Counsellors of his
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The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that
 vppon the fould of these letters shall bee set downe.
 Read and Published & Registred in the hearing, and
 at the desire of the Kings Attournie generall. Given
 in the Chamber of Aides at Paris: The Lord
 Chaunceler there sitting, with the officers of the
 Crowne, the Dukes and Peeres of Fraunce, the
 Counsellors of his counsell of estate and some of the or-
 dinarie maisters of requestes of his house the 28. of
 March 1594.

Signed LVILLIER

It is ordained that upon the fould of the said letters
shall be set done, Read, Published, and Registered.
Given at Paris in the Chamber of Monyes by the
Lords of Riz and Pontcarre, the Kings Counsellors in
his counsell of estate and Commissaries thereunto by
his Maiestie deputed the 28. of March 1594.

Signed. LVILLIER.

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The Kinges Letters Patents for the
reestabliſhment of the Court of Parliament
of Paris.

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HENRY, by the grace of God, King
of Fraunce and of Nauarre: To
all them to whome these present
Letters shall come, greetinge.
Whereas through the mishap of
the dissention rayſed and conti-
nued in this our Realme, by the
wicked driftes of some forreine Princes our enemies,
and other our rebellious subiectes as well in the time
of the late King our most honourable Lord and bro-
ther, as also since our comming to the crowne, sondry
townes haue beene withdrawen from the obedience
due to our saide Lord and brother, and to vs: among
the which our good towne of Paris, hauing bene occu-
pied by our ennemies and manifestly endaungered
to the intollerable yoke and shamefull Dominion of
the Spanyard, hath perpetrated many thinges con-
trary to the obedience due to their lawfull King:
where remayned an infinite number of Citizens,
some for feare of the losse of their goods, others for
that they could not abandon such persons, to whose
preseruatiō by nature they were bound: others for
want of meanes and ability to liue elsewhere: and
some vppon a desire to doe seruice to vs, and to the
whole

whole common wealth of this Realme. Among
 whome sondry Officers of our Court of Parliament
 did there make their residence and continued the ex-
 ercise of the Office to them committed, which before
 the troubles they had executed in our saide Parlia-
 ment: for the which our saide Lord and brother ha-
 ving conceived against them most just indignation,
 did inhibite them, and thereupon made certaine de-
 clarations since published in the Court of Parlia-
 ment transferred to Tours: The like whereof, and
 upon the like cause and occasion our selues continued
 as declaring whatsoeuer their decrees, iudgements,
 and ordinances to bee voyde and of none effect. Not-
 withestand in respect of the causes contayned in our Edict
 which we caused to be published in our great Cham-
 ber of Parliament: we of our especiall grace, full po-
 wer and authority royall, haue extinguished and abo-
 lished all matters committed in our saide good towne
 of Paris, during and by occasion of the troubles: Als
 also, wee haue thought it requisite and necessary for
 the benefite of our seruice and common quiet, to the
 end so good a towne should not remaine destitute of
 the exercise of iustice royall, for the preservation of the
 good, and punishment of the wicked, untill wee may
 reassemble the whole body of that our said Court, by
 the returne of our trusty and welbeloued, the mem-
 bers of our said Court of Parliament transferred to
 Tours: Also the Chamber erected at Chalais for the
 exercise of Justice, whome to that end wee haue sent
 for: that the Counsellors and other Officers of the
 said Court, who haue had their provisions from the

kinges our predecessors, & haue made their residence
 in this said towne before the saide troubles, should be
 restored and reintegrated in the exercise of their fun-
 ctions: as hauing deemed the said Counsellors wor-
 thy this our fauour and grace, in respect of the vertue
 and constancy by them shewed in sundry matters,
 namely in the resolution taken to make the Decree
 which they published and vertuously maintained in
 the moneth of June last past, against such as endeuo-
 red to alter and infringe the orders of the lawfull
 succession of this Realme. In consideration where-
 of, we haue taken away, and disanulled, and do take
 away and disanull the interdiction made, as well by
 the said King, as by vs against the saide Counsellors
 and other officers, at this present in good number re-
 sident in this saide towne, who after they shall haue
 taken the oath herein requisite, in the handes of our
 trusty and deere Chauncelor, shalbe reestablished and
 restored to the exercise of their Offices: as by these
 presents we haue restored and reestablished, and doe
 restore and reestablish them: to the end after the said
 oath, they may enioy the like honors, prerogatiues,
 rightes, authorities, priuileges and preeminences,
 which afore time they had and did enioy, before the
 said interdictions: so as the said Counsellors may do,
 and performe all actes and exercises of iurisdiction,
 and soueraigne Justice, that appertayneth to our
 Parliament, in as ample maner, as they did or might
 haue done, in case the saide Interdictions had neuer
 bene against them declared, proceeding to the publi-
 cation of Edictes, admission of Officers, soueraigne
 iudge:

iudgements and all other expeditions and orders heretofore made in our saide Parliament. Wee doe therefore commaund our most trusty and welbeloued Chaunceloz: the Officers of the Crowne: the Dukes and Pieres of France: the other Lords of our Counsell, and the ordinary Masters of Requestes, by vs committed and deputed, that they cause these presents to be read, published, and registred, to the ende the contentes of the same may be kept, obserued and put in execution, according to their forme and tenure: For such is our pleasure: In witnesse whereof, wee haue signed these presentes with our hand, and to the same affixed our seale. Given at Paris the 28. of March, the yeare of grace 1594. and of our raigne the fifth.

Thus signed HENRY.

And vpon the fould. By the King. RVZE.

And sealed with a great seale in yellow waice.

The King hath ordained and doth ordaine that vpon the fould of these Letters shalbe set downe, Red, published, and registred in the hearing, and at the desire of his Atturney Generall. Given at Paris in the great Chamber of Parliament, the Lord Chaunceloz there sitting, with the Officers of the Crowne, the Dukes and Pieres of Fraunce. The Counsellors of his Counsell of Estate, and some of the ordinary Masters of Requests of his house, the 29. of March 1594

Signed

LVILLIER.

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The Decree of the Court of Parlia-
ment of Paris, of the 30. day
of March 1594.

Gathered out of the Registers of Parliament.

The Court having from the xii.
day of the moneth of January
last, solicited the Duke of Ma-
yenne to acknowledge that
king, whome God & the lawes
haue giuen to this Realme, and
to procure the Peace, where-
vnto he would neuer condescend, as being inuegled
by the pollicies of the Spanyardes and their adhe-
rents: and God hauing lithence of his infinite good-
nesse Deliuered this Towne of Paris, out of the hands
of straungers, and reduced the same into the obedi-
ence of her naturall and lawfull king. Hauing peel-
ded solenne thanks to God for this happy successe,
desirous to imploy the authority of the Soueraigne
Justice of this Realme, to the end, that by preserving
the Romane Religion, we might hinder strangers
vnder

vnder the false pretence thereof, from leasing vppon
 the Estate: and call agayne all Princes, Prelates,
 Lordes, Gentlemen, and other Subiectes to the
 grace and clemency of the King, and to a generall re-
 conciliation, and to repaire whatsoeuer the licence of
 the Ciuill warres hath altered in the authority of the
 Lawes, and foundation of the Estate, Rights, and
 Honours of the Crowne: the matter deliberated vpon
 in the saide Court, all the Chambers assembled,
 hath Declared, and doeth declare all Arrestes, De-
 crees, Ordinances, and Oathes, giuen, made, and
 taken, sithence the nine and twentieth of December
 Anno 1588. in preiudice of the authority of our kings
 and Lawes of the Realme, to be voyde and wrested
 by force and violence: and as such, hath reuoked, can-
 celled and annihilated them, and ordayned that
 they shall remayne abolished and suppressed: And
 especially hath Declared, and doeth declare whatso-
 euer hath bene done, contrary to the Honor of the late
 King Henry the third, aswell during his life, as si-
 thens his Decease, to bee voyde: Doeth prohibite all
 persons to speake of his memory, otherwise then with
 honor and reuerence. And moreouer ordayneth that
 information shall be taken of the detestable parricide
 committed on his person, and extraordinarily proceed-
 ed against those that shall be found guilty thereof.
 The sayd Court hath reuoked and doeth reuoke the
 power heeretofore giuen to the Duke of Mayenne,
 vnder the quality of Lieutenant Generall of the
 Estate and Crowne of Fraunce: It prohibiteth all

persons, of what estate or condition soever, to acknowledge him in this calling: To yeeld him any obedience, fauour, comfort, or ayde, vpon paine to be punished as offenders guilty of high Treason. And vpon like payne hath enioyned the sayd Duke of Mayenne, and other Princes of the house of Lorraine, to acknowledge King Henry the fourth of that name, Kinge of Fraunce, for their Kinge and Soueraigne Lord, and to yeeld vnto him the obedience and seruice to hym due. And to all other Princes, Prelates, Lordes, Gentlemen, Townes, Communitie, and particular persons, to forsake the pretended partye of the Union. Whereof the Duke of Mayenne hath made himselfe head, and to yeeld vnto the Kinge seruice, obedience and fidelitie: Vpon payne, that the sayde Princes, Lordes and Gentlemen bee Degraded from theyr Nobilitie and declared Peasantes, both they and their posteritie, with confiscation of body and goods, razing and ruinatinge of Townes, Castells, and places, which shall bee infringers of the commandement and ordinaunce of the Kinge. Hath cancelled and reuoked, doth cancell and reuoke whatsoever hath bene doone, decreed and ordayned by the pretended Deputies of the assembly holden in this Towne of Paris, vnder the name of the General Estates of this Realme: as voide and done by private persons, chosen, and wrought for the most parte by the factious of thys Realme, and partakers with the Spanyarde, and hauinge no lawfull

lawfull power at all. Doeth prohibite the sayd pretended Deputies, to take vppon them this qualitie, or to assemble themselves any more in thys Towne or else-where, vppon payne to bee punished as disturbers of the common rest, and Traytors. And doeth enioyne those of the sayd pretended Deputies, which yet at this present are in this Towne of Paris, to withdraw themselves euery of them in hys house, there to lyue vnder the obedience of the King, and to take the Oath of fidelitie before the Judges of the places.

Hath also ordayned and doeth ordayne that all processions and solemnities ordayned, during the troubles, and by reason thereof shall cease, and in steed thereof, the two and twentieth day of March shall be for euer kept holy, and vpon the same day shall be a generall procession, according to the accustomed manner. Whereat shall be assistant the sayd Court in red Robes, in remembrance, and for to giue thanks to God for the happy deliuey and reduction of the sayd Towne to the Kinges obedience: And to the end no person pretend cause of ignorance of this present decree: hath ordayned and doth ordayne, that it shall bee read, and published by sound of Trumpet and publike crye, throughout all the chiefe quarters of thys Towne of Paris, and in all the Courtes of this Iurisdiction: and to this end the same shall bee printed, and at the diligence of the Kinges Atturney Generall shall be sent to all his Substitutes: Whome it enioyneth to see the same

executed, and thereof to certifie the sayd Courte.
Done in Parliament, the thirtith Day of March
1594.

Read and Published by sound of Trumpet,
and Proclamation, throughout the principall quar-
ters of this Towne of Paris, the next Day being
the last of the sayd moneth.

Subscribed De Villoutreys.

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